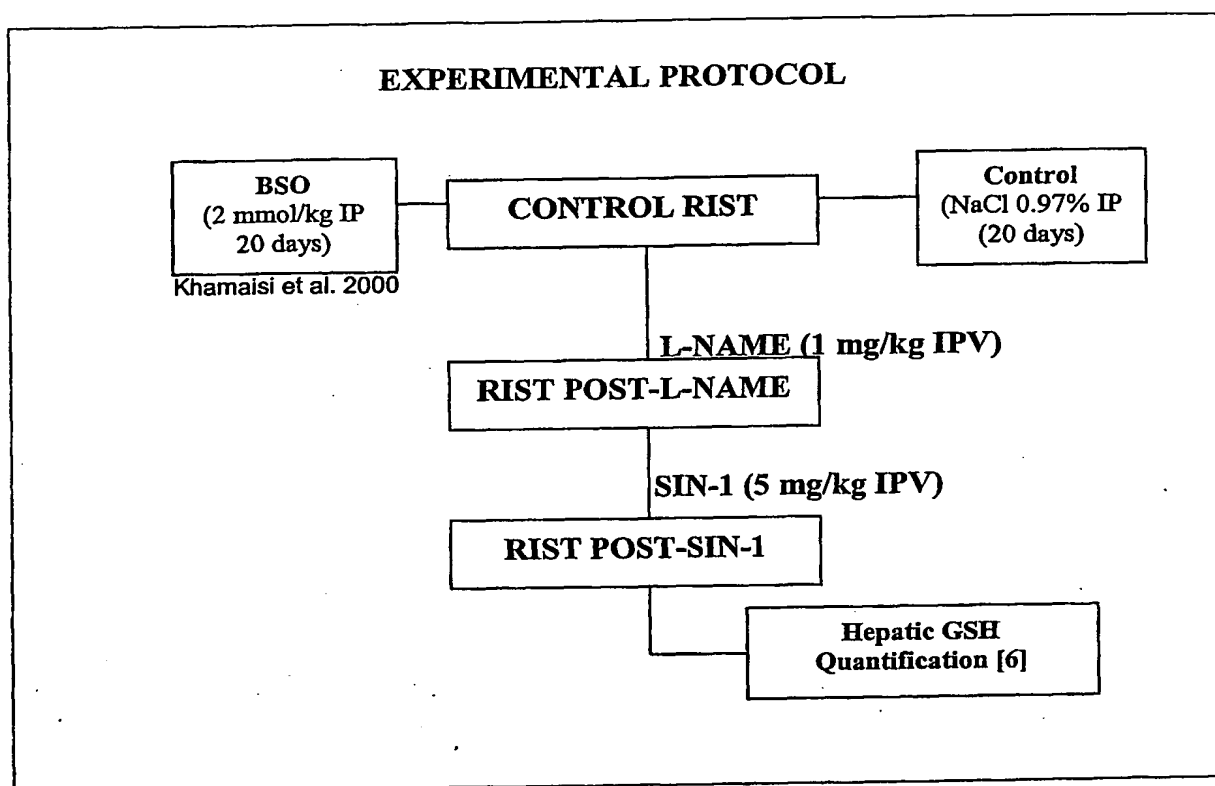


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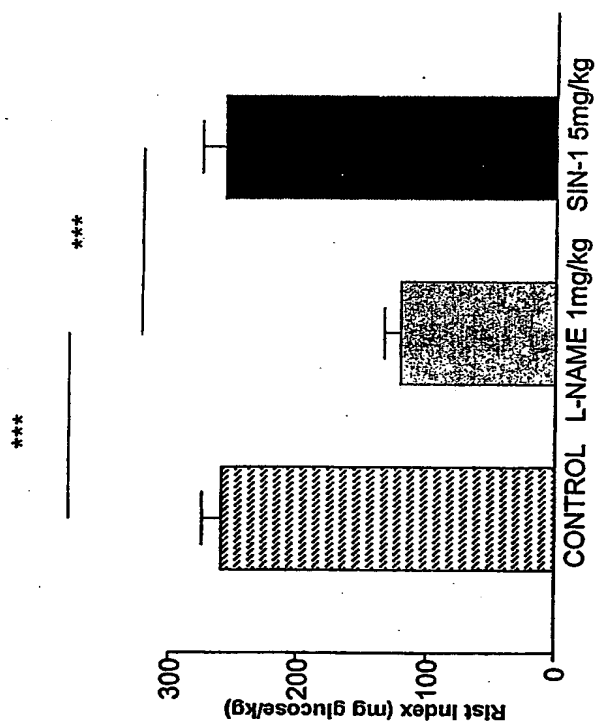
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Control Group

Figure 2(a)



Control Group (n=6): L-NAME (1mg/kg, ipv) reduces the RIST Index from 260.2 ± 15.6 mg glucose /kg to 121.2 ± 12.8 mg glucose /kg ($52.3 \pm 5.8\%$ inhibition). SIN-1(5mg/kg, ipv) restores insulin response with a RIST index of 258.1 ± 18.5 mg glucose /kg. *** = $p < 0.001$

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BSO Group

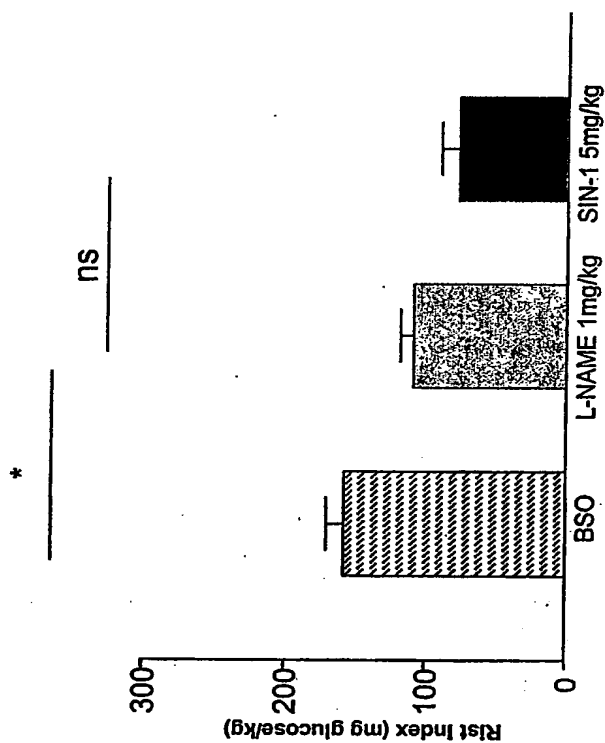


Figure 2(b)

BSO Group (n=5): The control RIST index was 158.4 ± 12.2 mg glucose /kg. Intraperitoneal administration of L-NAME(1mg/kg) reduced significantly the RIST Index to 109.8 ± 9.1 mg glucose /kg. Ipv administration of SIN-1 did not reverse the RIST Index to control values. * = $p < 0.05$; ns = non significant

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Insulin Action

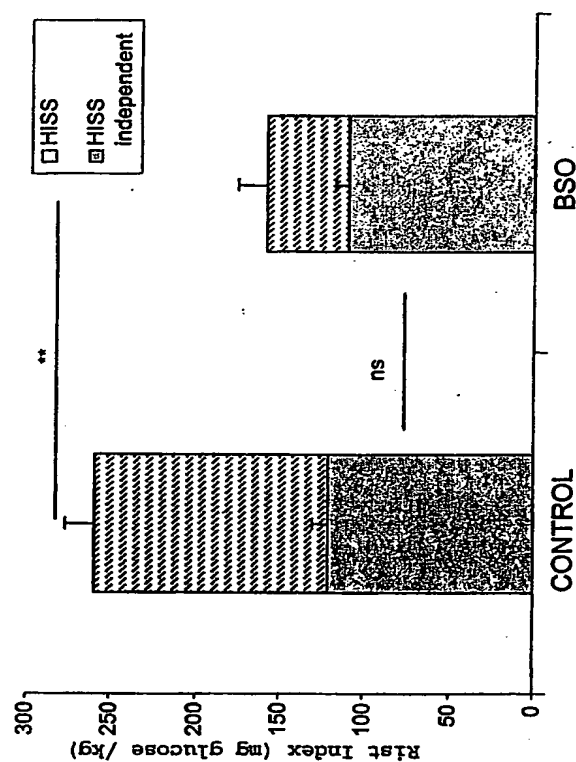


Figure 2(c)

HISS-dependent and HISS-independent components of insulin action in BSO and control groups. HISS-independent components are not different in both groups. HISS is significantly reduced in BSO group (49.3 ± 8.56 mg glucose /kg) compared to control group (138.9 ± 22.8 mg glucose /kg) corresponding to a decrease of 64.4% of HISS action. **= $p < 0.01$; ns= non significant

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Hepatic GSH Content

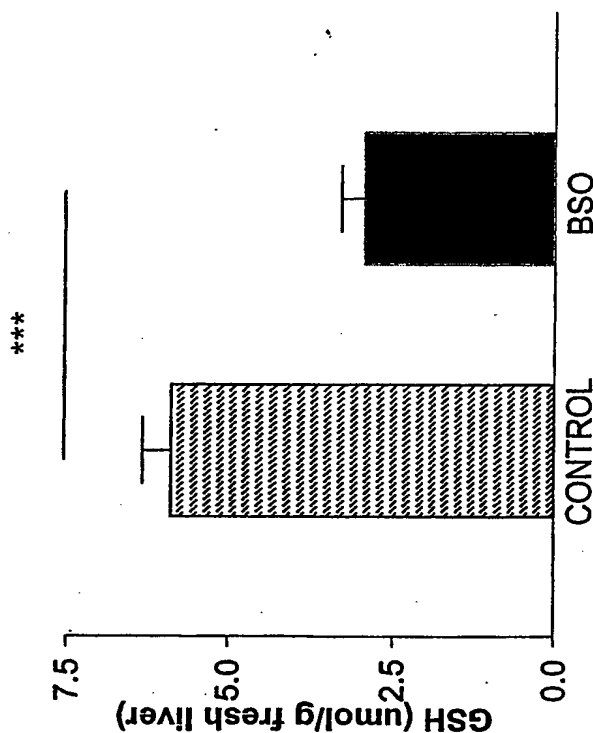


Figure 2(d)

Hepatic glutathione content in BSO (n=5) and control (n=6) groups. In control group hepatic GSH content was significantly higher ($5.66 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{mol/g}$ fresh liver) than in BSO group ($2.96 \pm 0.4 \mu\text{mol/g}$ fresh liver). Hepatic GSH content was decreased by $48.3 \pm 6.9\%$ in BSO group. ***= $p < 0.001$